

# Provision of ICPAC's East African seasonal bulletins and outlooks

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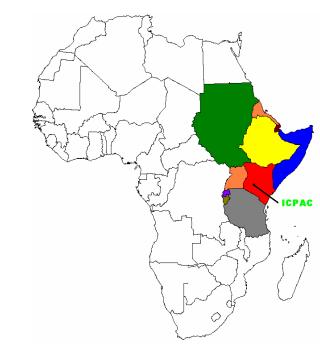
## Outline

- Overview of ICPAC
- The GHA Climate Outlook Forum (COF) and Seasonal bulletins
- Target key User Community and communication Methods
- Making the COF Meet the Water Sector User Needs
- Challenges in establishing the system
- Regional challenges facing inclusion of greater hydrological information
- Best practice and top barriers



## **Overview of ICPAC**

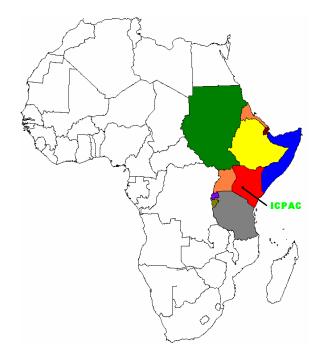
- DRM (**Drought Monitoring Centre**) was established in 1989 under the initiative of WMO and UNDP for 24 countries in the eastern and southern Africa sub-region for regional Drought Monitoring.
- In 2003 IGAD ratified the decision to absorb DMC as an autonomous specialized Institution of IGAD with the change of name of DMC to ICPAC (IGAD climate prediction and applications centre)
- ICPAC has 8 members states plus 3 beneficiary states : Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania
- **GREAT HORN OF AFRICA (GHA)** represent the 11 ICPAC's services benefiting countries.





## **ICPAC Mission**

- The Mission of ICPAC is to provide climate information and early warning for applications in support of sustainable development in the Greater Horn of Africa region.
- To strengthen collaboration between NMHSs on issues related to observations and data management;
- To develop a broad-based regional climate prediction and early warning systems.



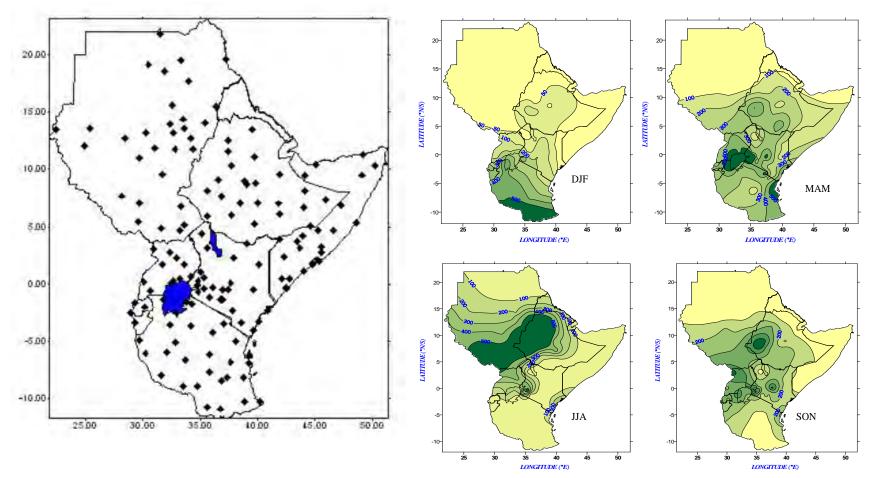


## MAIN ACTIVITIES of ICPAC

- Monitoring of climate stress on 10 day, monthly and seasonal time scales;
- Climate prediction on 10 day, monthly and seasonal time scales;
- Modeling of climate variability and change;
- Generating products tailored for sector specific applications;
- Assessing climate related socio-economic impacts;
- Training of regional climate scientists in monitoring, diagnostics and prediction;
- Organization of regional climate outlook forums;
- Training of users in interpretation and use of climate products.
- Pilot application projects to demonstration benefits of climate early warning advisories and community adaptation to climate variability/change.



## MAIN ACTIVITIES of ICPAC Climate Monitoring



Distribution of GHA Climatological stations (113)

**Climate Atlases** 



## ICPAC's seasonal outlooks and bulletins



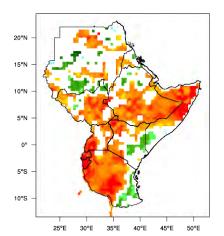
## The GHA Climate Outlook Forum

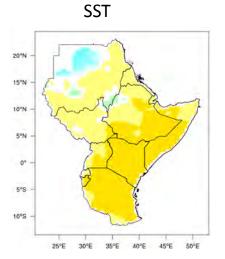
- It is done 3 times in a year
  - February- Long Rain Season over Equatorial region
  - May- Main rainy season over Countries North of Equator
  - August Short Rain Season over Equatorial and main rainy season south of Equator
- Climate Scientist from the region and Global Centres meet for 5 days to arrive at a forecast
- 2 days meeting on Consensus, discussion of the likely impact and necessary actions



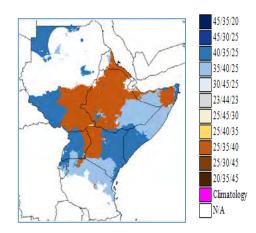
## Some of the Inputs for Producing forecasts

6 GCMs





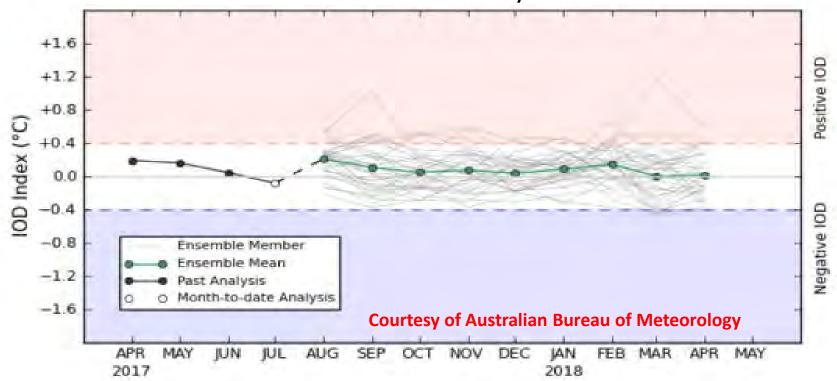
GeoCOF





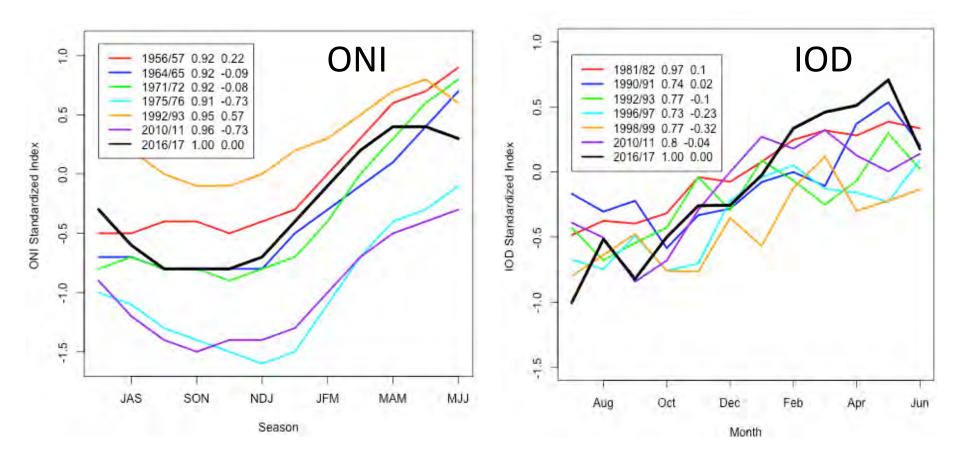
## **INDIAN OCEAN DIPOLE MODE FORECAST**





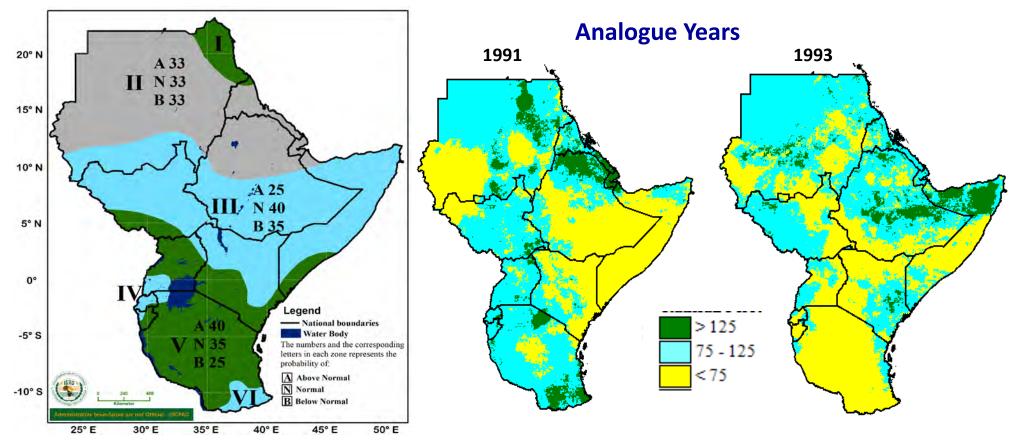


## Analogues



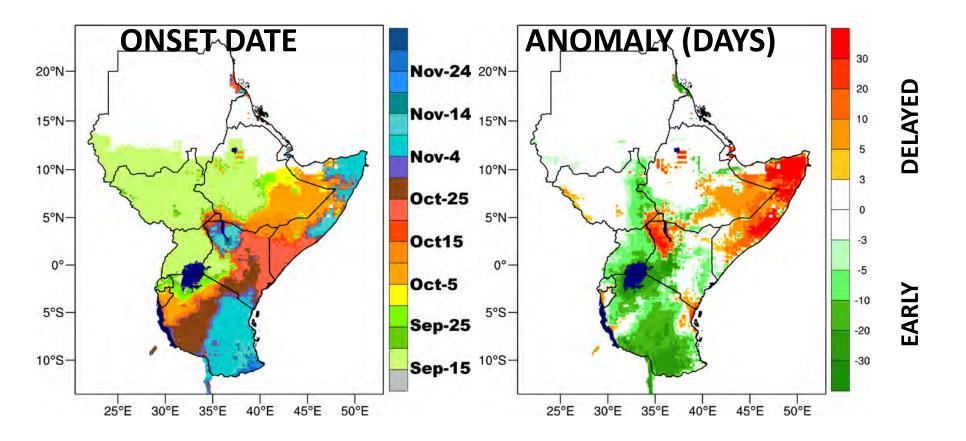


## CONSENSUS OND 2017 RAINFALL OUTLOOK



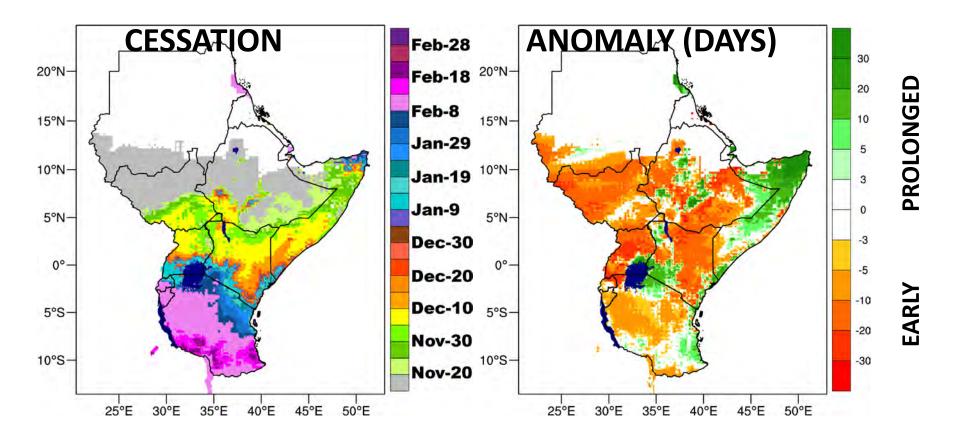


## **OND 2017 seasonal characteristics**



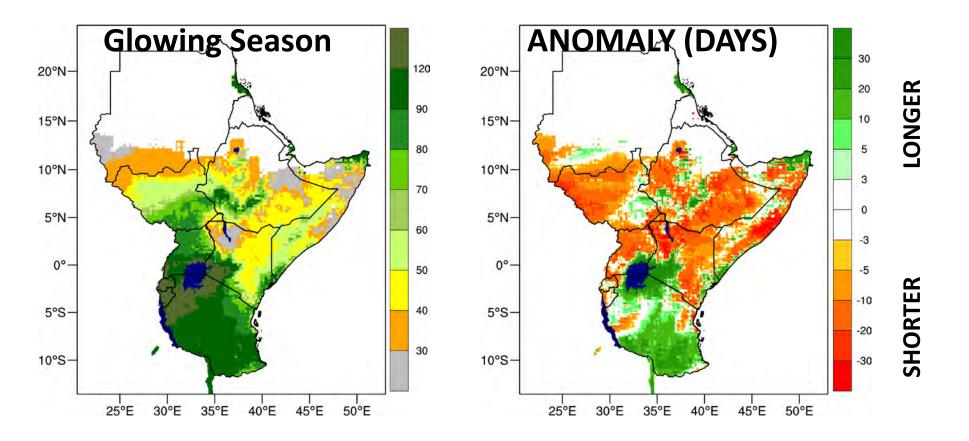


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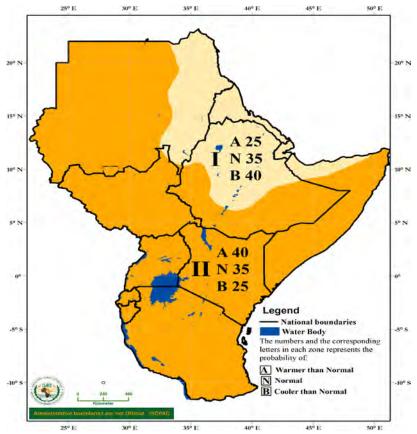


## **OND 2017 seasonal characteristics**





## CONSENSUS OND 2017 TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK





## Sample 10 day bulletin

Dekad 14/2015

no: ICPAC/01/848

#### IGAD CLIMATE PREDICTION AND APPLICATIONS CENTRE (ICPAC)

#### 10 DAY CLIMATOLOGICAL SUMMARY AND IMPACTS FOR DEKAD 13 (1 – 10 MAY) 2015 AND CLIMATE OUTLOOK FOR DEKAD 15 (21– 31 MAY) 2015

#### **1.0 Highlights**

- Rainfall activities were mainly reported over western parts of the equatorial sector and southern parts of the northern sectors of the Greater Horn of Africa (GHA) during the tenth dekad (1-10 April 2015);
- Wet conditions are likely to be experienced over the western and coastal parts of the equatorial sector; as well as southern parts of the northern Sector of Greater Horn of Africa



## Seasonal Integrated Early Warning Bulletin

Integrated Regional Early Warning Bulletin: GHACOF 44

OCTOBER to DECEMBER 2016 rainfall season





## Target key User Community and communication Methods

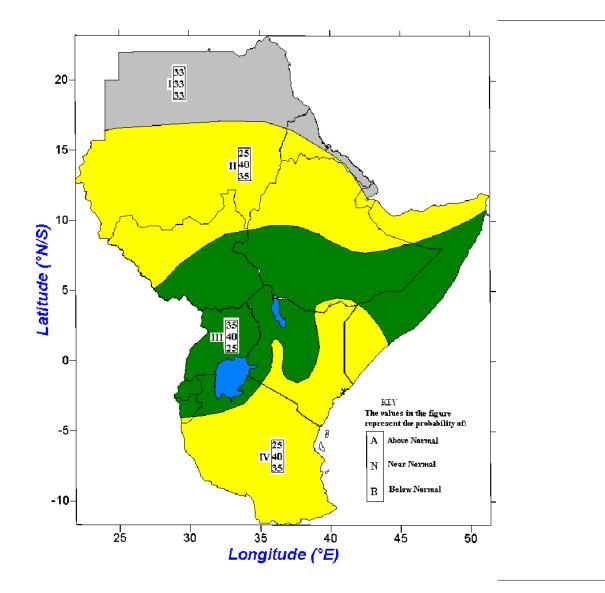
2 Days consensus meeting is attended by Member states, UN, NGO's and Universities in the following sectors

- Health
- Agriculture and food security
- Livestock
- Water and Hydropower
- Disaster Risk Management
- Media
- •The Bulletins can be downloaded from ICPAC's Website



## MAKING THE COF MEET THE WATER SECTOR USER NEEDS



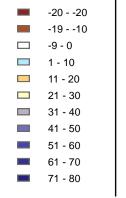


Qualitative Seasonal Forecast interpretation



## Areas with enhanced or depressed rainfall

#### GHA basins with GHACOF 41





## Use of Hydrological Modelling in OND 2017 Season Forecast

- GeoSFM and NAM Rainfall runoff models for 5 out of six zones were ran from 2001 to end of July 2017 using rfe and Global PET.
- The model was run between August 2017 and January 2018 using NMME Seasonal Forecast Ensemble 10 and long term mean Evapotranspiration.
- Model results was used with output of the COF consensus to discuss impacts of the OND season on water and related sectors



### Analysis Focused on The Following Aspects

## Water Resources availability strongly affected by climate variability

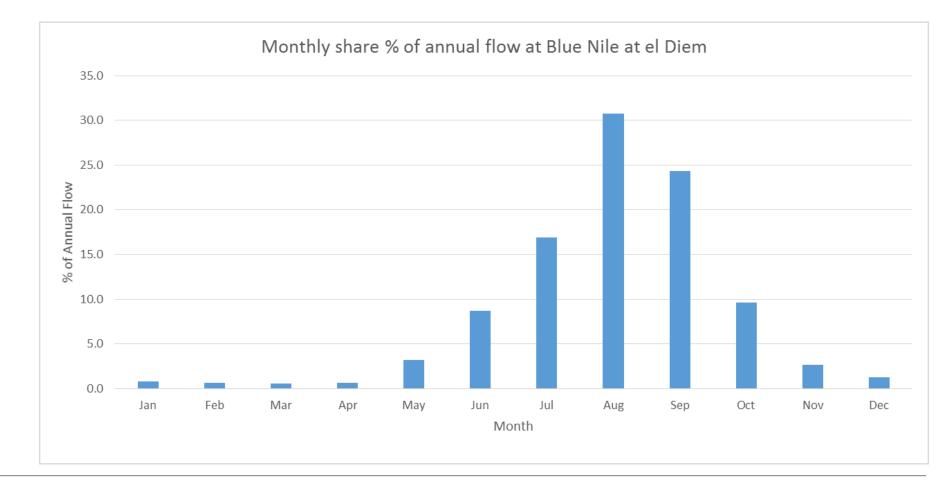
- Municipal Water sources
- Hydropower systems
- Other Streams which are lifeline human and livestock

### **Disaster Risk Management**

• Streams/rivers with history of flooding that causes loss of life and property

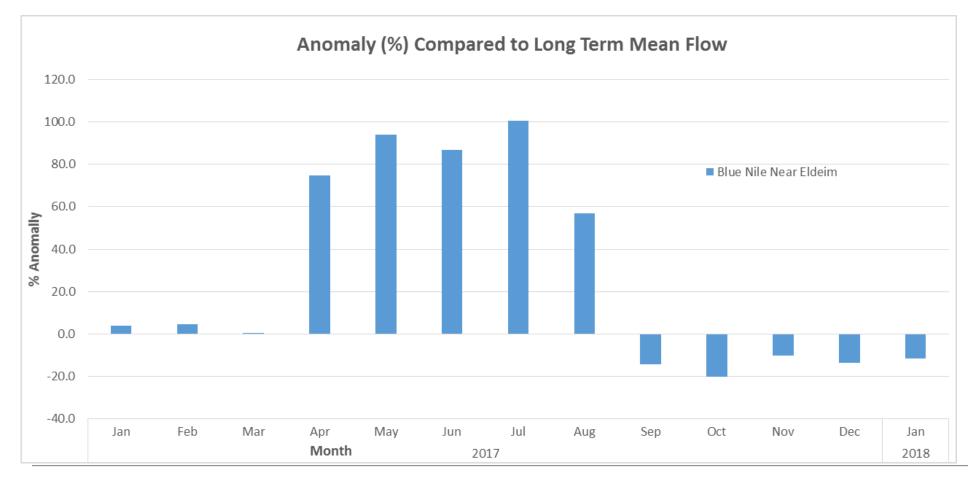


## Blue Nile Near Eldeim- Sudan



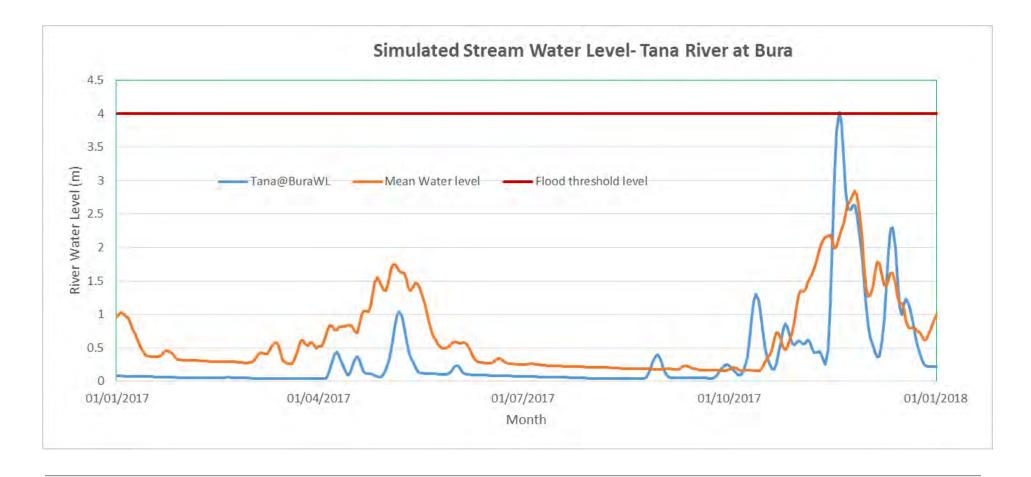


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## Simulated OND Water level- Tana River at Bura-Kenya





## **Challenges in Establishing the System**

- Securing funds to hold the COF
- Sparseness of the hydro-meteorological networks observation
- Difficulty in tailoring the climate products for sector specific needs



## Regional Challenges Facing Inclusion of Greater Hydrological Information

- Lack of hydromet data and difficulties in sharing whatever there is
- Probabilistic nature of climate forecast leads to low uptake by water sector and related staff
- Lack of an alternate forum to discuss water related issues



Best practice and top barriers which are relevant to the development of the HydroSOS

## **Best Practice**

User meeting to discuss the outlook Incorporate user needs explicitly

## **Top Barriers**

Lack of data and/or sharing framework Probabilistic nature of Outlook

